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RURAL DISTRICT OF STROOD
during the year 1966


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STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL
OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1966

To the Chairman and Members of the
Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Wright and Gentlemen,

Each year a report is prepared on the state of community health in the administrative area of the Rural District Council. The Rural District is not an entity of natural selection but comprises some dozen villages and overspill areas adjacent to urban growth and its steadily increasing population now nearing 40,000 mark is an indication of the urban dwellers desire for the more salubrious environment of the countryside rather than an expansion of a circumscribed population.

One would, therefore, expect that the statistics presented in the report would indicate a healthy state for the district and this is generally the case, apart from a death rate in infants under one year of age which was well above the national average, and the increase in cases of Tuberculosis notified, for the first time.

There are, however, many gaps in our knowledge, with little insight into the incidence of chronic ailments either mental or physical in the area, for being a sanitary authority we do not have access to information which may be more readily available in the case of a local health authority. In many parts of the country there has been a change of emphasis in the part played by the Medical Officer of Health in his role of community health advisor as problems originating in the environment become less demanding, but any change locally will have to await fundamental reorganisation of local government as this county is nearly unique in being the last outpost of the whole time sanitary M.O.H. in the country, i.e. where the

District M.O.H. has no role in the local health authority organisation.

As in previous years I acknowledge the help given by the sole member of the clerical staff who has correlated the statistical detail within the body of the report and offer the following comment on the more important of the recorded facts.

POPULATION

38,530

The Registrar General's mid year estimate indicated the steady growth pattern of the post war era and was 2,690 in excess of the previous year. The population of the Rural District in 1946 was 17,830 while the 1956 figure had risen to 23,420. Any halt to the steady rise in population cannot be foreseen.

TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS

903

This was an increase of 129 over the previous year's total. The Birth Rate per 1000 population (after comparability factor was applied) was 20.85 and when viewed alongside the National average for England and Wales of 17.7 was obviously favourable. Increase in total births over total deaths can, therefore, be seen to account for some 25% of the increase in population in the Rural District.

TOTAL STILL BIRTHS

14

The Still Birth Rate per 1000 total births was 15.26 being in keeping with the National figure for England and Wales of 15.4.

INFANT MORTALITY TOTAL DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR

23

The Infant Mortality Rate was 25.47 per 1000 total live births. For England and Wales the figure was 19.0 per 1000 total live births. This increase in the total of infant deaths was the only disturbing feature among the year's statistical summary.

Included in the total of infant deaths were 16 who died within the first month of life. Congenital malformations and other defined and ill defined diseases were responsible for 15 deaths the remaining 1 being due to Gastro-Enteritis.

ILLEGITIMATE
BIRTHS

45

This total was the same as recorded in the previous year's report but because of the increase in births in the area the Illegitimate Birth Rate of 4.98 of the total births was below the previous year's figure and well below the figure for England and Wales of 7.88. One illegitimate infant died at the age of 7 months with Acute Otitis Media and Acute Bronchiolitis.

DEATH RATE
TOTAL DEATHS

313

The corrected death rate was 11.6 per 1000 population being fractionally less than the national figure for England and Wales of 11.7 per 1000 population.

The main causes of death followed the usual pattern.

Degenerative disease of the Circulatory System	51% of total deaths
Cancer (all forms)	17% of total deaths
Respiratory disease (excluding Cancer)	10.5% of total deaths

VIOLENT DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Accidents (Motor)	11	3
All other Accidents	5	1

INFECTIVE DISEASE
NOTIFICATIONS
EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS

299

Measles again accounted for the large majority of notifications with 266 cases. Whooping Cough was responsible for a further 28 - this disease which had been of little note in the district for some years may possibly cause some concern, and be following a pattern of resurgence noted elsewhere in the Country. Other infectious diseases accounted for 5 notifications as follows:-

- 2 Food Poisoning
- 1 Dysentery
- 1 Scarlet Fever
- 1 Pneumonia

TUBERCULOSIS

Eleven new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and two of non Pulmonary origin were notified. This was the highest number notified since 1962. The total number remaining on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year was 161, being lower than the two previous years' totals. This decrease was due to removal of persons on the register from the district and recoveries.

HOUSING

15 properties were found to be unfit for human habitation and were dealt with under the Housing Acts.

ENVIRONMENTAL
HYGIENE

The total number of houses with W.C.'s in the area was 12,004 out of a total of 12,164. Of the remaining, 151 houses had pail closets and 9 had privies.

WATER SUPPLY

There are 15 houses in the district which are too distant from the mains to effect connection reasonably economically and have their own private supply. Stand pipes supply a further 53 houses but otherwise mains water supply to every house is the rule.

STAFF

Mr. D.W. Wrighting, Public Health Inspector, commenced duties with the Department on 14th February, 1966 and Mr. P.G. Hill commenced training on the 1st January, 1966 as a Pupil Public Health Inspector.

I acknowledge the help I have received from other officers of the Council, and from the Chief Chemist of the Water Board who each year supply essential information. In particular I am grateful to the County Medical Officer for figures relating to preventive inoculation in the district.

In conclusion may I thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support and appreciation of the work of the Department over the past year.

L.F. McWILLIAMS

Medical Officer of Health

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(commenced 14.2.66)

Pupil Public Health Inspector:

P.G. Hill (commenced 3.1.66)

Rodent Officer & General Assistant:

C.D. Uden

Clerk:

Miss K.V. Merry

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

VITAL STATISTICS

Area of district.....	48,413 acres
Estimated mid year Resident Population.....	38,530
Number of inhabited houses.....	12,164
Rateable value at 1st April, 1967.....	£2,507,777
1st April, 1966.....	£2,351,000
1st April, 1965.....	£2,316,733
Sum represented by Penny Rate 1st April, 1967.....	£10,348
1st April, 1966.....	£ 9,981
1st April, 1965.....	£ 9,310
Total births (live and still).....	917
Live births.....	903
Birth Rate (after comparability factor applied).....	20.85
Rate for England and Wales.....	17.7
Still-births.....	14
Still-birth Rate.....	15.26
Rate for England and Wales.....	15.4
Illegitimate births.....	45
Illegitimate Birth Rate.....	4.98
Rate for England and Wales.....	7.88
Deaths.....	313
Death Rate (after comparability factor applied).....	11.6
Rate for England and Wales.....	11.7
Infant Mortality Rate.....	25.47
Rate for England and Wales.....	19.0

INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN THE STROOD RURAL DISTRICT
WHERE MORE THAN 20 PERSONS ARE EMPLOYED

Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Limited	...	Cliffe	...	Cement
Atlas Stone Co.,	...	Shorne	...	Artificial Stone
Berry Wiggins & Co.Ltd.,	...	Hoo	...	Oil Refinery
B.P. Refinery (Kent) Ltd.,	...	Grain	...	Oil Refinery
British Basket & Besto Co. Limited,	...	Cuxton	...	Basket making
British Uralite Limited,	...	Higham	...	Asbestos Cement
Burnett & Rolfe Limited,	...	Frindsbury	...	Brewery & Dairy Plant
Cornford Engineering Ltd.,	...	Hoo	...	Light Engineering
Leeming & Co.(Cobham)Ltd.,	...	Cobham	...	Paints & Varnishes
London & Rochester Trading Company,	...	Frindsbury	...	Tarpauling & sails; Barge repairs
J.J. Maybank (Strood)Ltd.,	...	Frindsbury	...	Waste paper recovery
Medway Buildings Limited,	...	Frindsbury	...	Timber buildings
Rugby Portland Cement Co., Limited,	...	Halling	...	Cement
Sitecast Limited,	...	Hoo	...	Prefabricated concrete buildings
South Eastern Gas Board	...	Grain	...	Gas from Oil
Turner, King & Shephard Limited,	...	Cuxton	...	Paint, etc.
Waller Engineer Limited,	...	Meopham	...	Light Engineering

CAUSES OF DEATH

(as notified by General Register Office, Somerset House)

CAUSES OF DEATH	Under 4 weeks		4 weeks and under one year		1-4		5-14		15-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65-74		75 and over	
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
Cancer - Lung, bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	1	1	1
Cancer - Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other cancers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	7	2
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	4	6	12	14
Coronary Disease, Angina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	7	-	7	-	18	9	12	13
High Blood Pressure with Heart disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3
Other Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	6	6	7	11
Other Circulatory Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	2	2	1
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	6	5
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	-	4	4
Ulcer of Stomach/Duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Congenital Malformations	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	2	3	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
All Other Accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

ANALYSIS OF AGE GROUPS OF DEATHS OCCURRING DURING 1966

(as notified from Registrar's Office, Strood)

PARISH	AGE GROUPS										
	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under one year	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over
Allhallows	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	4
Cliffe	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	3	2	6	5
Cobham	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	6	8
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuxton	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	8	8
Frindsbury	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	10	18
Halling	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	4	9	15
Higham	3	-	1	-	4	-	2	4	7	13	9
High Halstow	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Hoo	1	2	1	-	-	3	2	3	1	11	13
Isle of Grain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	6
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meopham	3	1	-	-	-	1	1	4	5	18	15
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Shorne	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	3	1	10
Stoke	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
TOTALS	16	7	4	2	8	6	7	22	36	88	115
Percentage of Total Deaths	5.14%	2.25%	1.89%	.64%	2.57%	1.93%	2.25%	7.07%	11.58%	28.30%	36.98%

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in each Parish:

PARISH	Tuber- culosis		Pneumonia	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary						
Allhallows	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Cliffe	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8
Cobham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cuxton	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Frindsbury	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	120
Halling	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	-
Higham	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
High Halstow	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	15
Hoo	6	-	-	-	1	-	4	67
Isle of Grain	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meopham	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	8
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Shorne	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Stoke	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	13
TOTALS	11	2	1	1	2	1	28	266

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in
each month of 1966:

1966	Tuber- culosis		Pneumonia	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary						
January	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
March	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
April	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
May	2	-	1	1	-	-	4	3
June	1	1	-	-	1	1	6	5
July	2	-	-	-	1	-	6	5
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	39
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
October	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	19
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	45
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	121
TOTALS	11	2	1	1	2	1	28	266

TUBERCULOSIS

Statement of particulars appearing
on the Register of Notifications of
Tuberculosis for the year ended 31st
December, 1966:

	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			PULMONARY AND NON-PULMONARY
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
(a) No. of Cases on Register at the commencement of year	65	69	134	23	13	36	170
(b) No. of Cases notified under the Regulations for the first time	9	2	11	-	2	2	13
(c) No. of Cases restored to Register	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
(d) Other additions during year	2	7	9	-	-	-	9
(e) No. of Cases removed from Register during the year	17	14	31	1	-	1	32
(f) No. of Cases remaining on Register at the end of the year	60	64	124	22	15	37	161

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

The following table shows the number of persons who were immunised against Diphtheria during 1966:

Year of Birth	PRIMARY		RE-INFORCING	
	Triple	Diph/Tet.	Triple	Diph/Tet.
1966	379	4	-	-
1965	367	4	13	2
1964	15	2	305	66
1963	6	1	97	17
1962	3	-	17	21
1961 - 1959	2	1	162	237
1958 - 1950	1	1	9	19
TOTAL	773	13	603	362

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following table shows the poliomyelitis vaccination figures for 1966 based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health:

YEAR OF BIRTH	PRIMARY	RE-INFORCING
1966	148	-
1965	408	-
1964	51	-
1963	14	-
1962	4	20
1961 - 1959	8	296
1958 - 1950	3	11
TOTAL	636	327

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

The following table shows the smallpox vaccination figures for 1966:

PRIMARY VACCINATION 1 YEAR	RE-VACCINATION SCHOOL AGE BUT UNDER 8 YEARS
510	-

WATER SUPPLIES

At the request of the Ministry of Health, Circular 1/66 the following comments are recorded:-

All parishes except Halling are provided with a public water supply operated by the Medway Water Board. Halling Parish is supplied by Mid Kent Water Company.

The water has proved to be satisfactory, both in quantity and quality, to meet the needs of the resident domestic population and 36 bacteriological and 2 chemical samples were taken during the year. Supplied from wells both within and outside the Rural District, the hardness of the water ranged between 270 and 290 parts per million.

The chemical analyses are shown on pages 11 and 12.

The water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

The table below shows details of supply to dwelling houses in each parish of the Rural District.

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses Indoor Water Supply	No. of Houses with Stand-pipes	No. of Houses with Public Supply	No. of Houses on Private Supply Wells & Springs
Allhallows	148	148	-	148	-
Cliffe	948	914	34	948	-
Cobham	437	437	-	437	-
Cooling	52	52	-	52	-
Cuxton	910	910	-	910	-
Frindsbury	1,780	1,780	-	1,780	-
Halling	755	755	-	754	1
Higham	1,349	1,348	1	1,349	-
High Halstow	311	311	-	310	1
Hoo	2,003	2,003	-	2,001	2
Isle of Grain	253	250	3	253	-
Luddesdown	78	78	-	77	1
Meopham	1,857	1,854	3	1,850	7
St. Mary Hoo	67	67	-	66	1
Shorne	885	883	2	883	2
Stoke	331	321	10	331	-
TOTALS	12,164	12,111	53	12,149	15
Percentage of Totals		99.56%	.44%	99.88%	.12%

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Address:- 5, St. Catherine's Cottages, Shorne.

Physical Characters: Colour clear

Odour None

Deposit None pH 7.2

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C).....	380
Solids in Solution after ignition.....	330
Chlorides as Chlorine.....	23
Carbonate Hardness as CaCO ₃	250
Non-Carbonate Hardness as CaCO ₃	40
Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	290
Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	250
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.....	0.06
Albuminoid Nitrogen.....	0.03
Nitrate Nitrogen.....	0.02
Nitrite Nitrogen.....	not detected
Oxygen absorbed in 15 minutes at 27°C.....	0.008
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C.....	0.012
Dissolved Oxygen.....	---
Biochemical Oxygen Demand.....	---
Fluoride.....	---
Toxic Metals.....	---
Residual Chlorine - Free.....	0.2
Residual Chlorine - Combined.....	Nil

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Number of colonies developing upon Agar

(a) in 24 hours at 37°C.....	0 per ml.
(b) in 3 days at 22°C.....	1 per ml.
Presumptive Coliform Count.....	0 per 100 ml.
Including Faecal Coli.....	0 per 100 ml.
Streptococcus Faecalis.....	0 per 100 ml.

OPINION:

Fit for drinking.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Address:- 41, Pilgrims Road, Halling.

Physical Characters: Colour clear

Odour None

Deposit None pH 7.2

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension	(Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Solution	(Dried at 180°C).....	335
Solids in Solution	after ignition.....	295
Chlorides as Chlorine.....		14
Carbonate Hardness	as CaCO ₃	250
Non-Carbonate Hardness	as CaCO ₃	20
Total Hardness	as CaCO ₃	270
Total Alkalinity	as CaCO ₃	250
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.....		0.08
Albuminoid Nitrogen.....		0.06
Nitrate Nitrogen.....		3.0
Nitrite Nitrogen.....		not detected
Oxygen Absorbed in 15 minutes at 27°C.....		0.02
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C.....		0.08
Dissolved Oxygen.....		---
Biochemical Oxygen Demand.....		---
Fluoride.....		---
Toxic Metals.....		---
Residual Chlorine - Free.....		---
Residual Chlorine - Combined.....		---

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Number of colonies developing upon Agar

(a) in 24 hours at 37°C.....	0 per ml.
(b) in 3 days at 22°C.....	0 per ml.
Presumptive Coliform Count.....	0 per 100 ml.
Including Faecal Coli.....	0 per 100 ml.
Streptococcus Faecalis.....	0 per 100 ml.

OPINION:

Fit for drinking.

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths within the Rural District but several pools have now been installed at Schools mainly for the purpose of teaching young children to swim.

Advice and help has been given, where required, regarding purification of the water.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Collection and disposal of domestic refuse

Refuse is collected weekly throughout the district, from the rear of premises, by means of the paper sack method.

After collection refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping in a disused chalk pit situated within the boundary of the City of Rochester, and the tip is treated regularly to prevent rat infestation and during the summer period insecticides are applied to prevent the breeding of flies and other insects.

Cesspool and pail closet emptying

With the exception of those areas in which a public sewer is provided cesspools are emptied, upon request, free of charge up to a maximum of four times per year. In the case of shared cesspools (2 or more houses connected to one cesspool), four emptyings per house are allowed.

Pail closets are emptied weekly in the Parishes of Hoo, Isle of Grain and Allhallows and twice per week in the Parish of Stoke.

A total of 151 houses have pail closets and 9 have privies.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL DISTRICT

Sanitary Accommodation

PARISH	No. of Houses	Water Closets	Pail Closets	Privies
Allhallows	148	146	2	-
Cliffe	948	914	32	2
Cobham	437	431	6	-
Cooling	52	52	-	-
Cuxton	910	910	-	-
Frindsbury	1,780	1,765	15	-
Halling	755	755	-	-
Higham	1,349	1,340	4	5
High Halstow	311	301	10	-
Hoo	2,003	1,985	18	-
Isle of Grain	253	239	14	-
Luddesdown	78	72	6	-
Meopham	1,857	1,847	8	2
St. Mary Hoo	67	56	11	-
Shorne	885	880	5	-
Stoke	331	311	20	-
TOTALS	12,164	12,004	151	9

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL DISTRICT

Drainage facilities

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses connected to Public Sewer	No. of Houses draining to Cesspools, Septic Tanks, etc.
Allhallows	148	129	19
Cliffe	948	279	669
Cobham	437	372	65
Cooling	52	---	52
Cuxton	910	881	29
Frindsbury	1,780	1,619	161
Halling	755	746	9
Higham	1,349	1,109	240
High Halstow	311	260	51
Hoo	2,003	1,891	112
Isle of Grain	253	209	44
Luddesdown	78	37	41
Meopham	1,857	1,309	548
St. Mary Hoo	67	---	67
Shorne	885	673	212
Stoke	331	254	77
TOTALS	12,164	9,768	2,396

HOUSING

During the year the number of houses built by the District Council was 109 and by private enterprise 523 making a total of 632.

The following is the position regarding applicants for Council Houses as at 31st December, 1966:-

Allhallows.....	18	High Halstow/	
Cliffe/Cooling.....	53	St. Mary Hoo.....	6
Cobham/Luddesdown.....	22	Hoo.....	172
Cuxton.....	24	Isle of Grain.....	17
Frindsbury.....	122	Meopham.....	98
Halling.....	38	Shorne.....	18
Higham.....	56	Stoke.....	13

Five-year Slum Clearance Programme 1955/1960

The position at the end of 1966 was as follows:-

- (a) Total No. of Houses reported to Ministry of Housing
and Local Government.... 232
- (b) Total No. of Houses dealt with by Department..... 232
- (c) Total No. of Houses demolished..... 206
- (d) Total No. of Houses vacant awaiting demolition..... 7
- (e) Total No. of Houses made fit or used as store..... 19

Three-year Slum Clearance Programme 1962/65

The position at the end of 1966 was as follows:-

- (a) Total No. of Houses reported to Ministry of Housing
and Local Government.... 104
- (b) Total No. of Houses dealt with by Department..... 100
- (c) Total No. of Houses awaiting action..... 4
- (d) Total No. of Houses demolished..... 59
- (e) Total No. of Houses vacant awaiting demolition..... 18
- (f) Total No. of Houses made fit or used as store..... 14
- (g) Total No. of Houses still occupied..... 13

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47

No action was taken under this Section of the Act for the removal of persons in need of care and attention.

Section 50

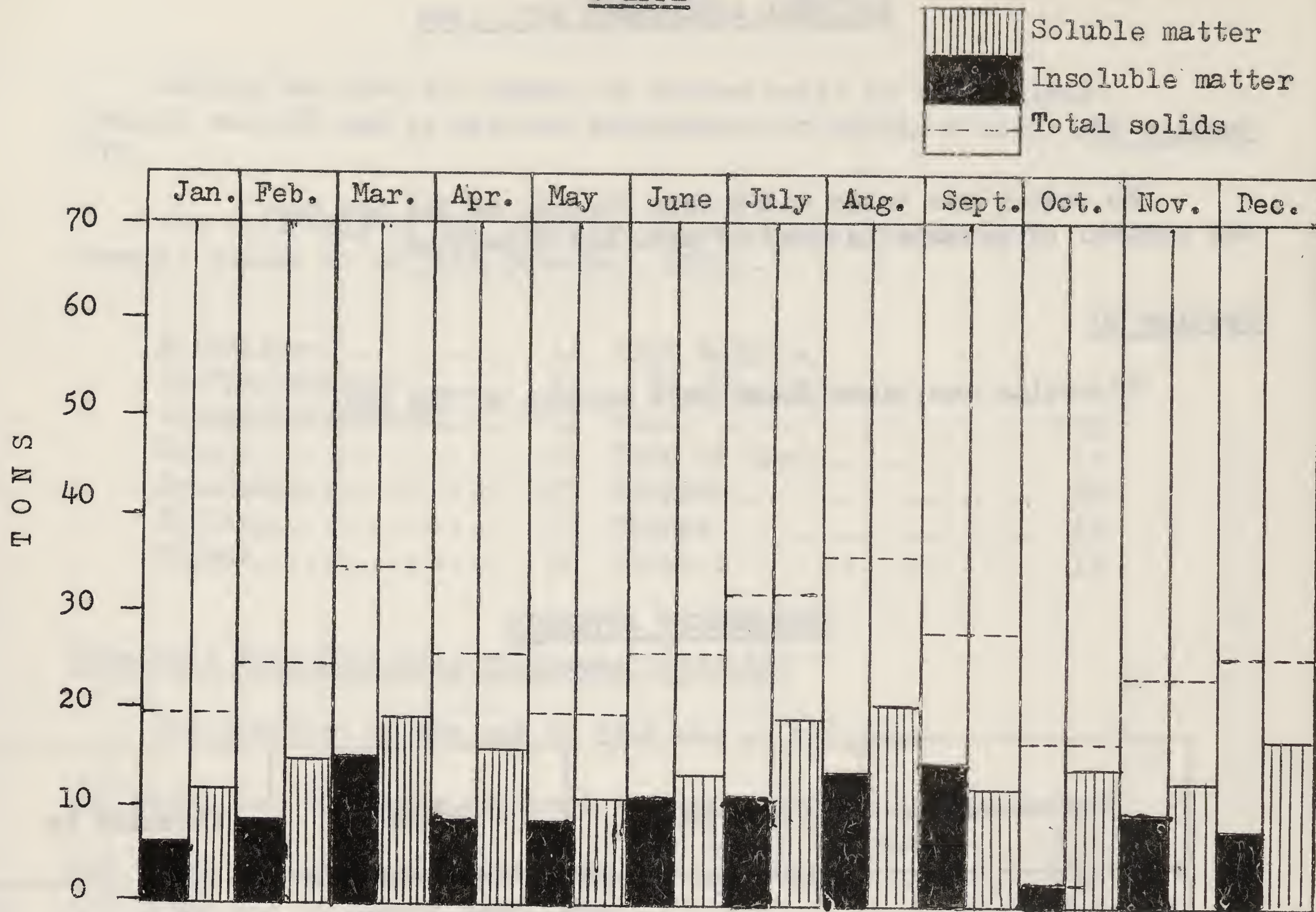
No action was taken under this Section of the Act.

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

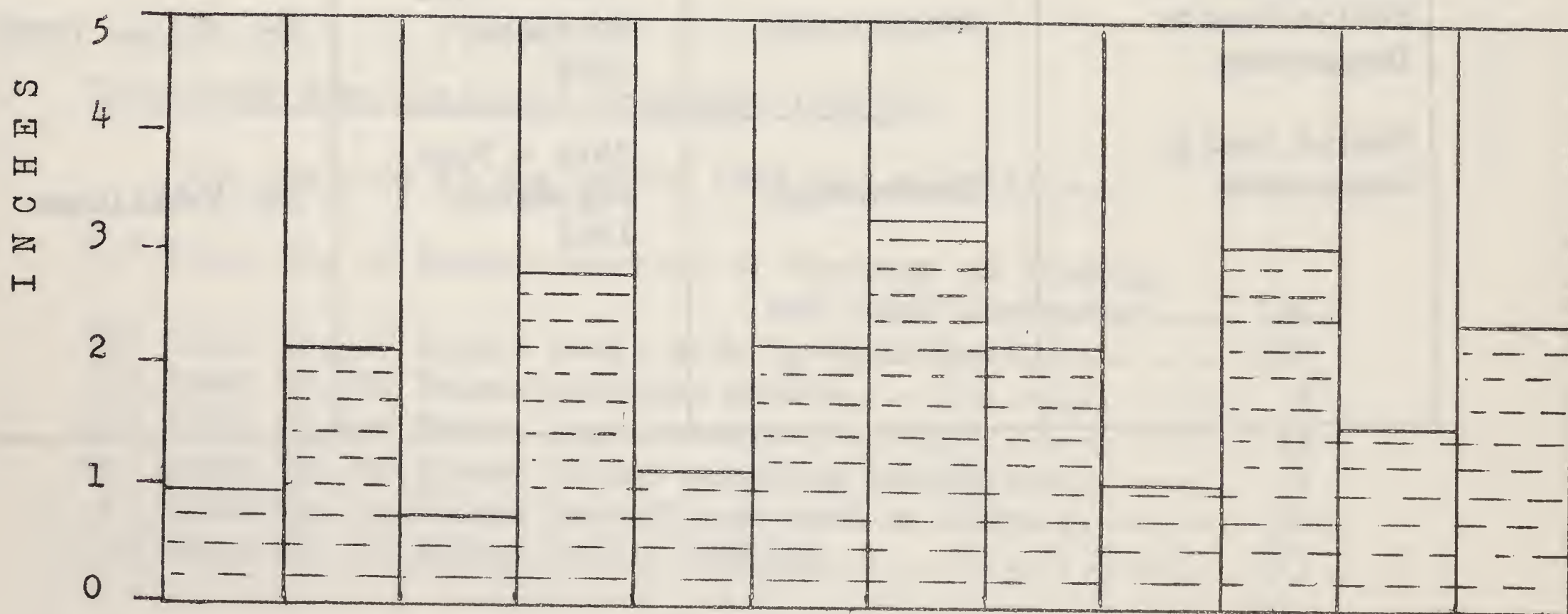
Conference	Place held	Dates	Attended by
Royal Society of Health	Blackpool	25th - 29th April, 1966	Mr. Horncastle, (PHI) Dr. McWilliams
Association of Public Health Inspectors	Scarborough	19th - 23rd September, 1966	Mr. Wilson (CPHI)
Public Health Concerence	Scarborough	28th - 30th September, 1966	Dr. McWilliams

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

CLIFFE



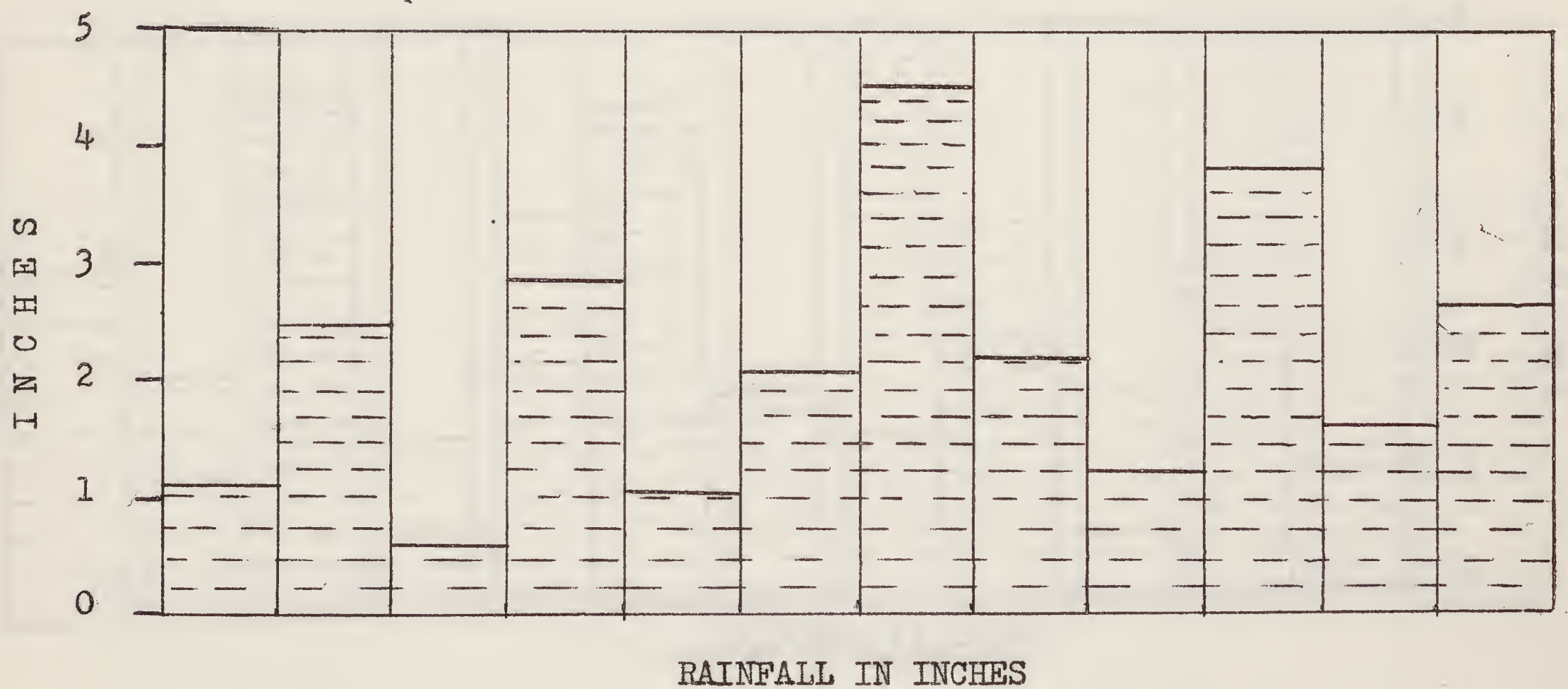
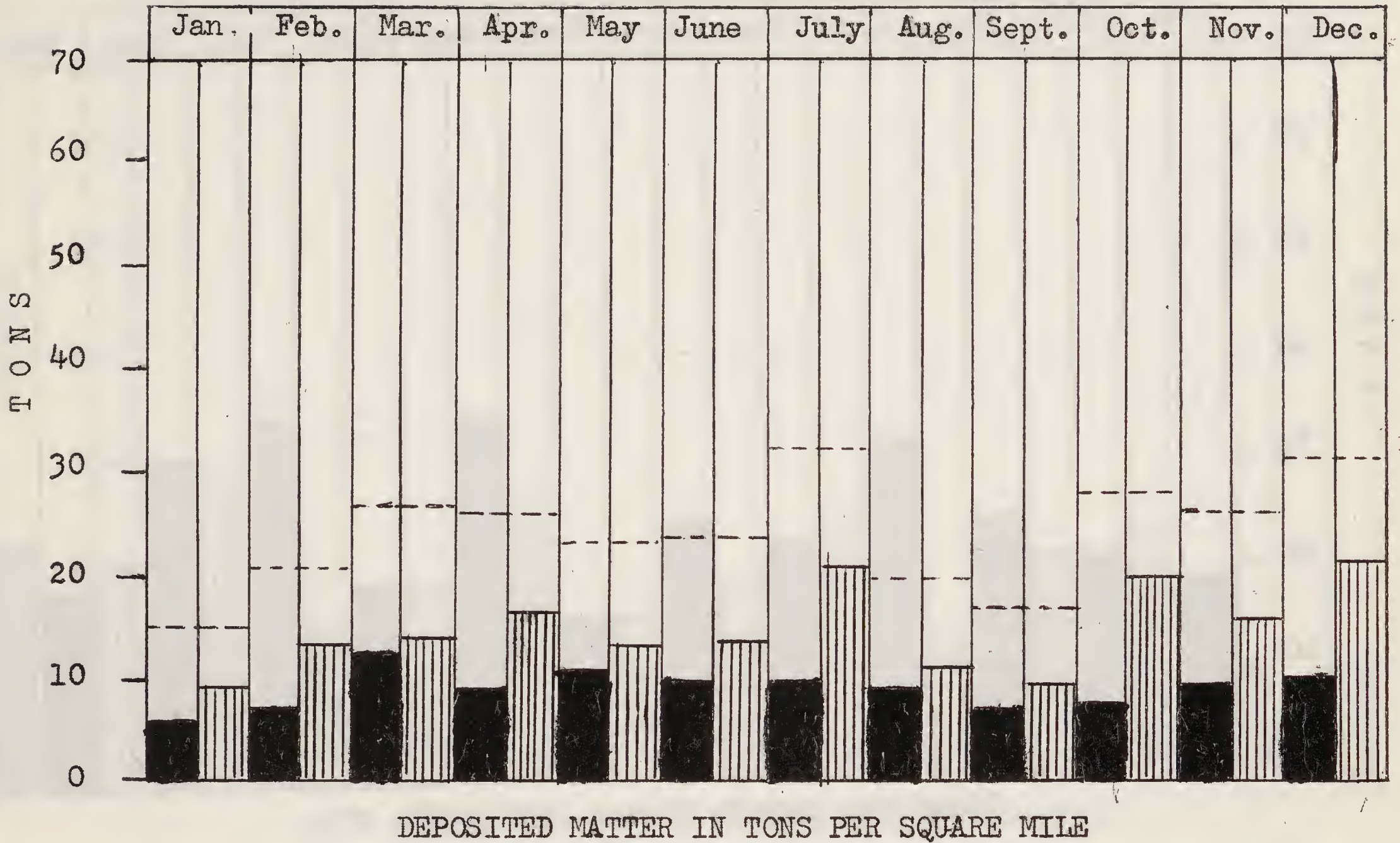
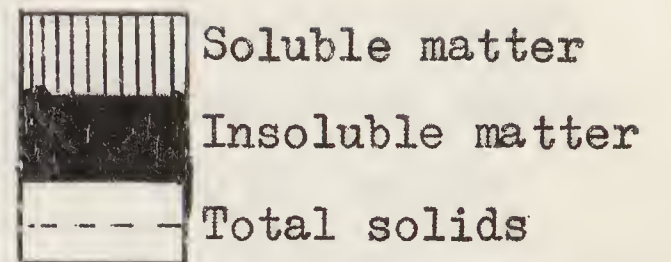
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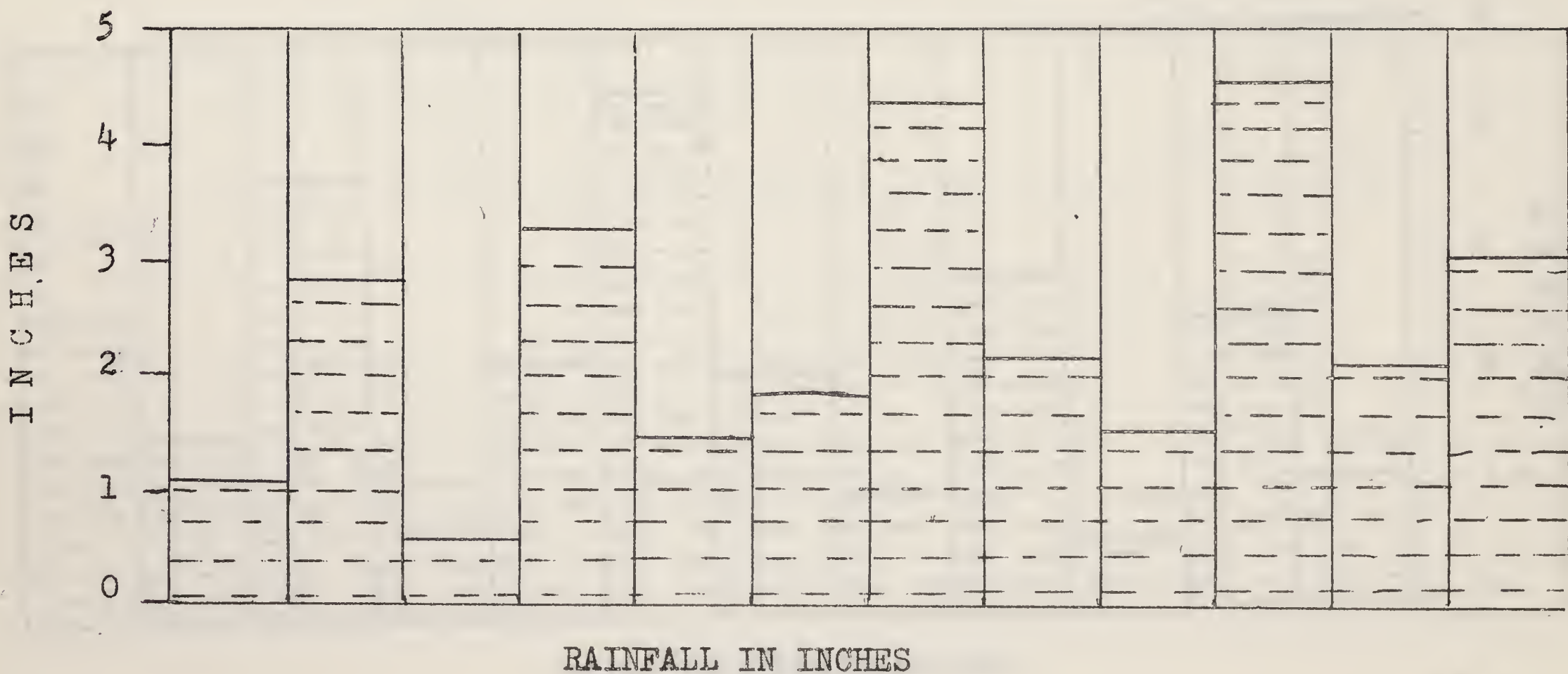
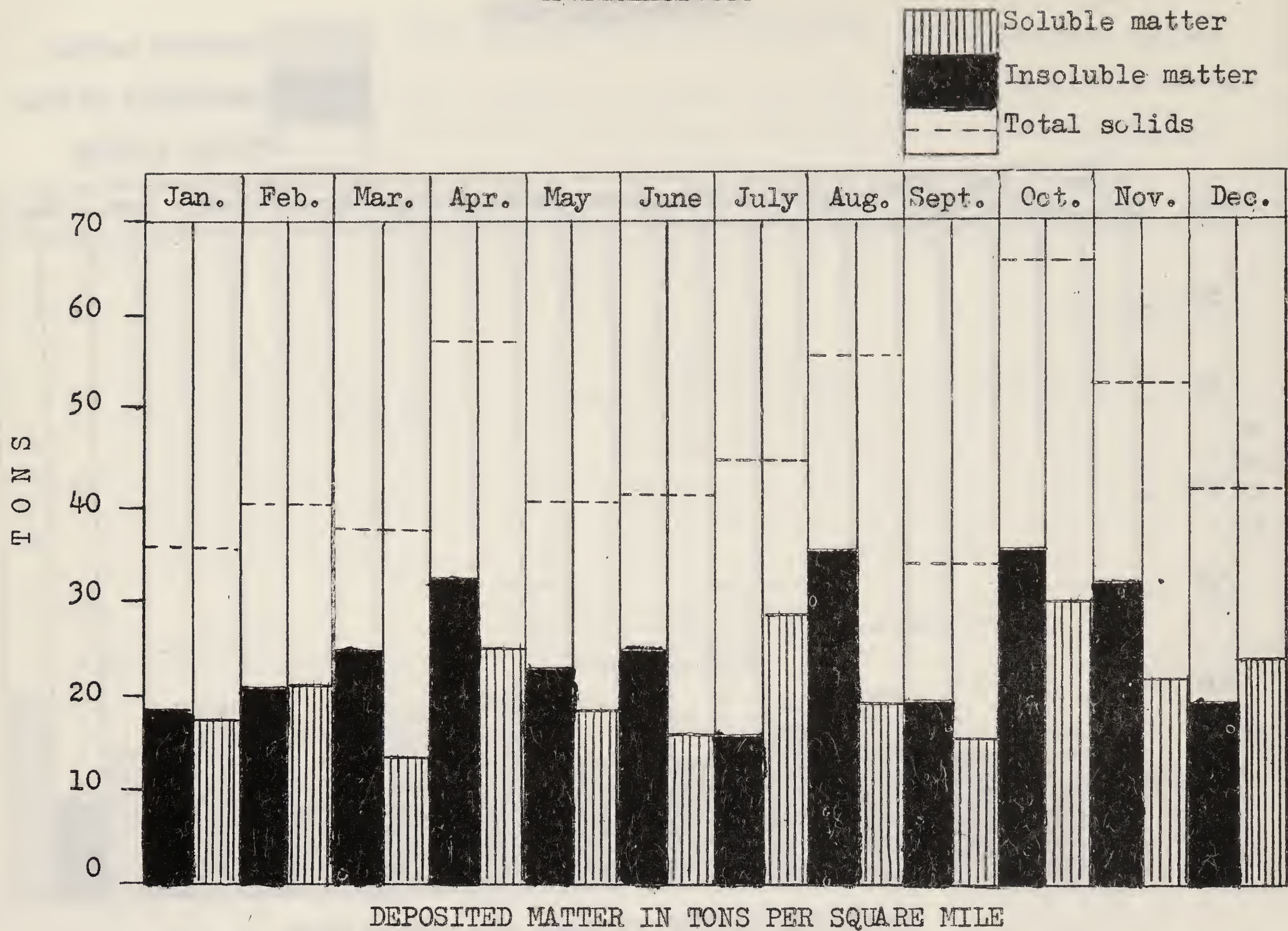
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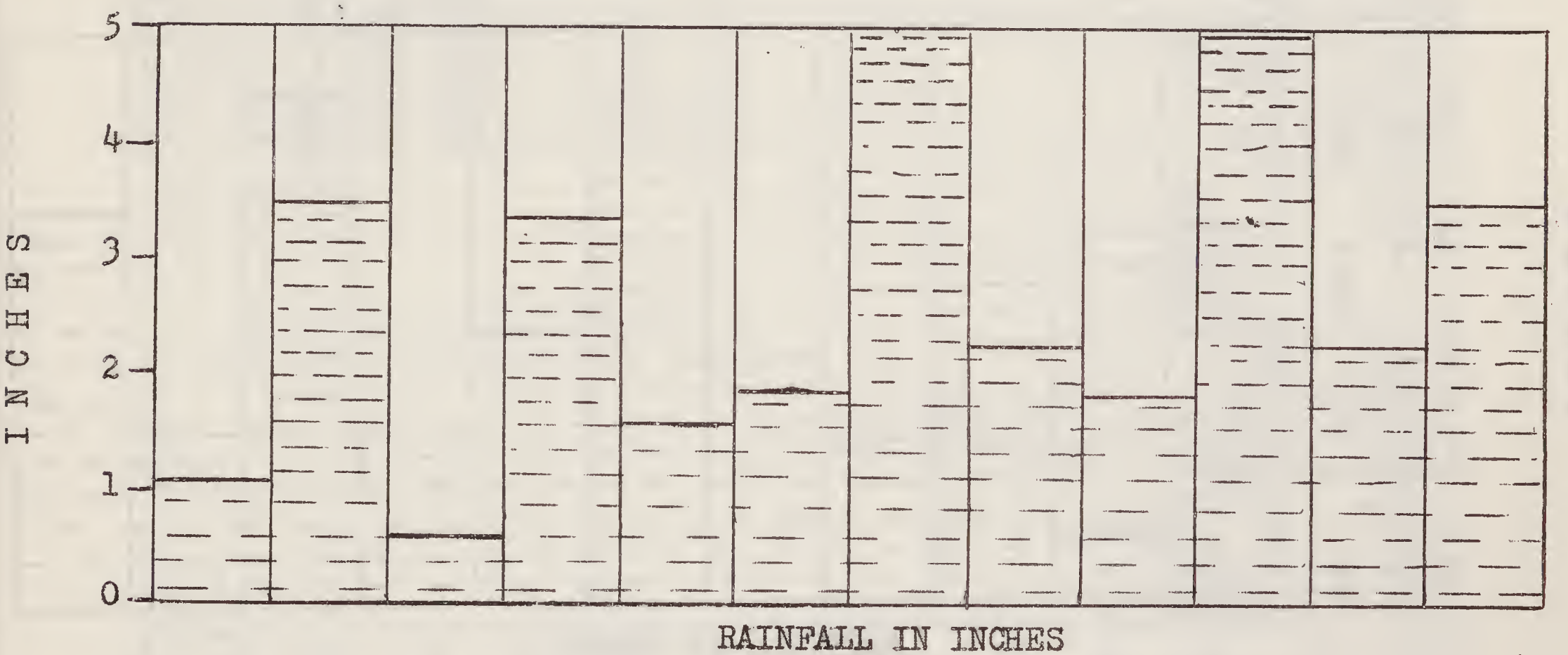
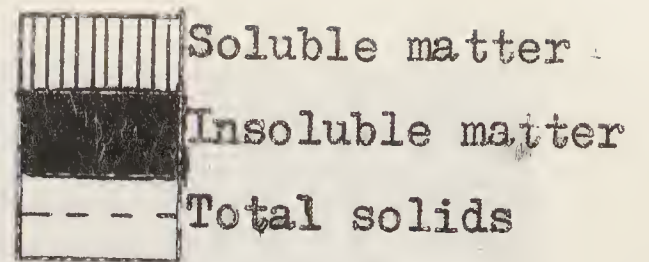


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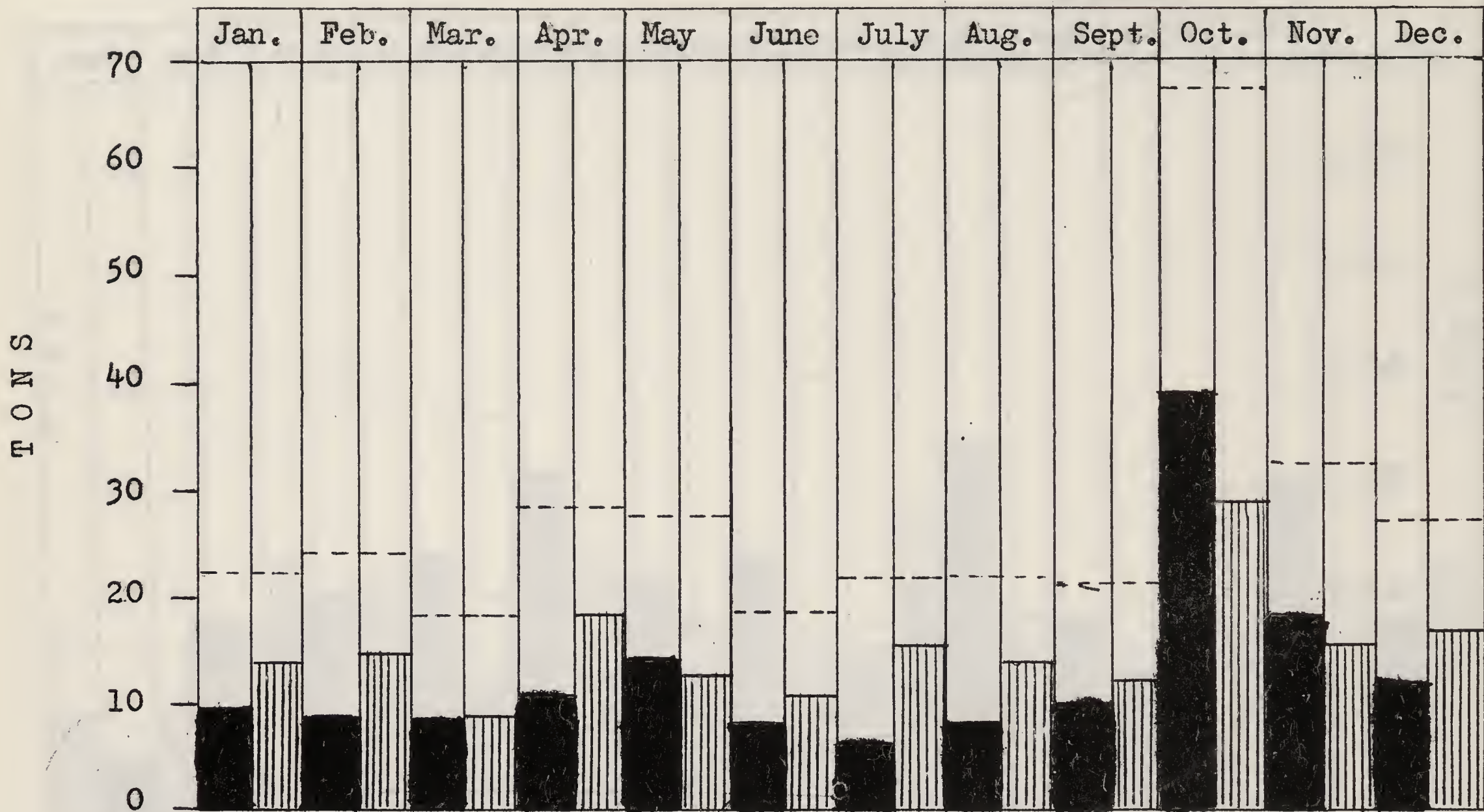
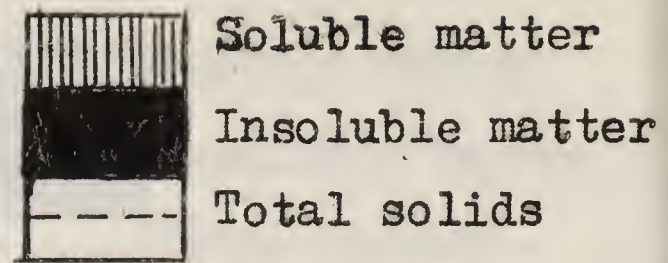


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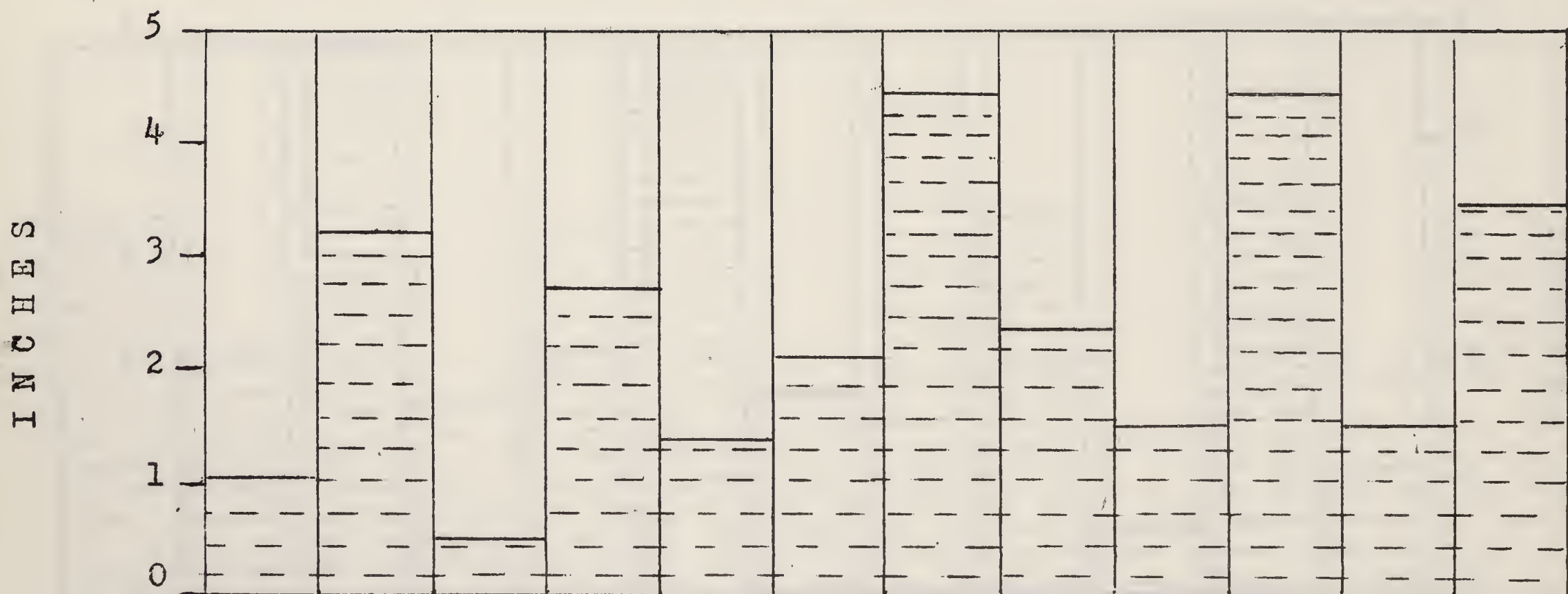


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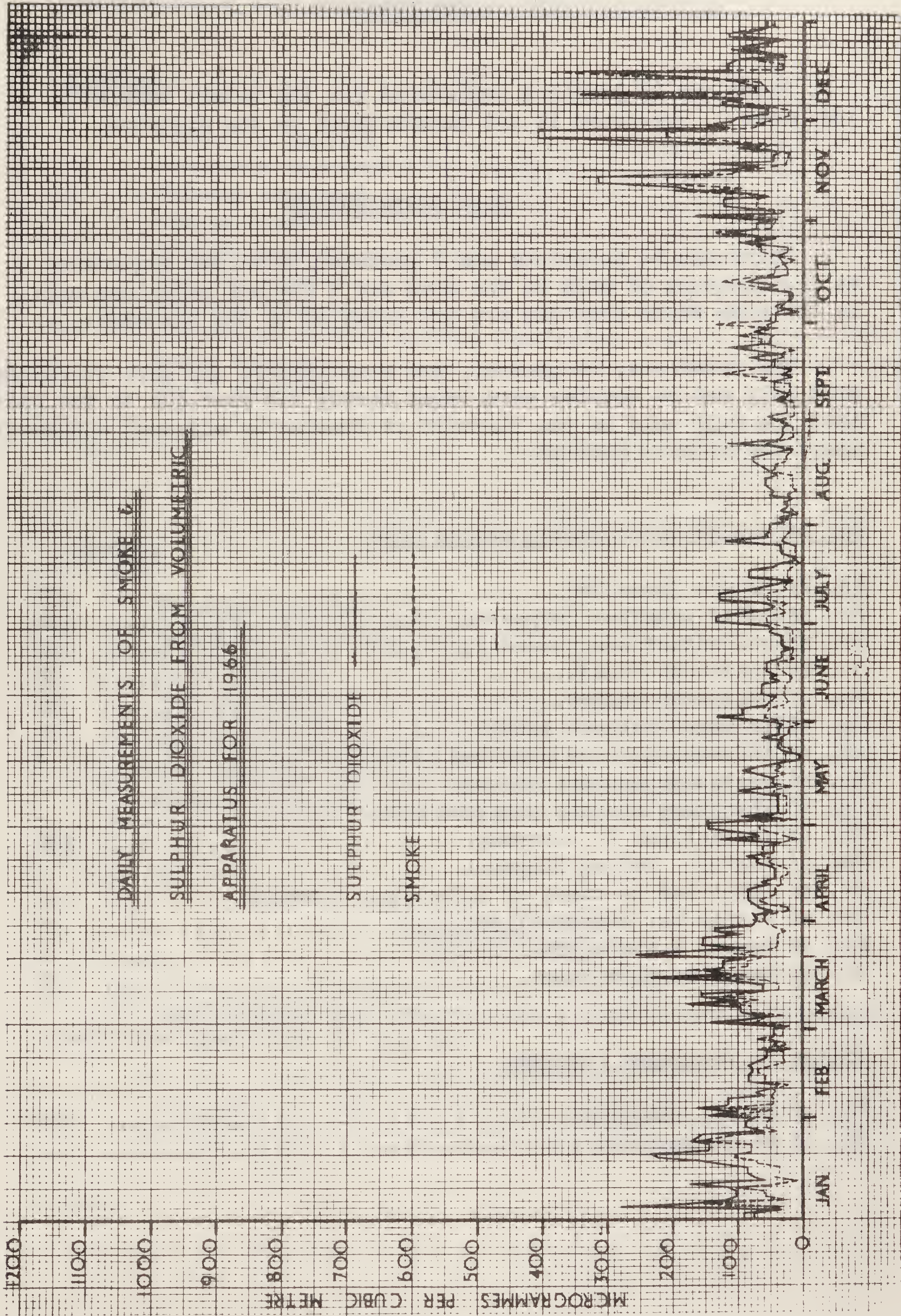
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DEPOSITED MATTER IN TONS PER SQUARE MILE



RAINFALL IN INCHES



ICE-CREAM

There are 87 premises registered for the retail sale of ice-cream. Ice-cream is not manufactured on the district.

MILK DISTRIBUTION

There are 44 retailers and 3 producer/retailers registered as distributors of milk in the area and 4 dealers retailing milk in the area whose premises are not situated on the district.

The retailers, in general, are shop-keepers who sell sterilised milk only and no samples were taken during the year due to the fact that the milk sold in the district is sampled by adjacent authorities where the milk is bottled.

No. of visits under Public Health Acts

No. of houses inspected.....	177
No. of other premises inspected.....	234
No. of re-inspections.....	160
No. of nuisances found.....	94
No. of nuisances abated.....	61
No. of informal notices served.....	31
No. of informal notices complied with.....	9
No. of statutory notices served.....	-
No. of statutory notices complied with.....	-
No. of inspections to caravans.....	106
No. of visits - refuse disposal.....	7
No. of inquiries in cases of infectious diseases.....	48
No. of visits re: disinfection.....	47
No. of houses disinfested.....	4
No. of water samples taken.....	38

Filthy or Verminous Premises

No. of houses inspected.....	16
No. of re-inspections.....	--

The following work was carried out after inspection

EXTERNAL

Cesspools emptied.....	4
Cesspools repaired.....	1
Chimney repaired.....	1
Drains cleared.....	11
Drains repaired.....	2
Gullies cleared.....	1
Gutters repaired.....	1
Inspection chamber covers repaired.....	2
Roofs repaired.....	5
Walls repaired.....	5

INTERNAL

Ceilings repaired.....	6
Fireplace repaired.....	1
Floor repaired.....	1
Sink repaired.....	1
Walls repaired.....	9
W.C. Basin repaired.....	1
W.C. cisterns repaired.....	4
Windows repaired.....	5

RENT ACT 1957

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair under the provisions of this Act.

HOUSING ACTS 1957/1961

During the year the following action was taken under the Housing Acts:-

No. of Houses reported to Committee.....	15
No. of Demolition Orders made.....	6
No. of Closing Orders made.....	0
No. of Undertakings given.....	11

A total of 39 dwellings were demolished in the district during 1966, 24 as a result of slum clearance action, 3 for redevelopment and 12 voluntarily by owners.

No. of houses inspected.....	98
No. of re-inspections.....	209
No. of houses visited for overcrowding.....	3
No. of miscellaneous housing visits.....	39

SHOPS ACT 1950

There are 254 shops in the area and during the year 151 inspections were made in connection with arrangements for the health and comfort of shop workers, general cleanliness, and, under delegated powers, Sunday trading, early closing and closing hours.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

302 visits were made to premises where food is sold or prepared for sale including visits to the slaughterhouse.

99 visits were made to the one slaughterhouse for the purpose of meat inspection, the table on page 27 gives the number of animals slaughtered and the percentage of diseased conditions.

MEAT INSPECTION

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep or Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	212	-	-	350	846	-
Number inspected	212	-	-	350	846	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	3	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	24	-	-	1	91	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	11.32%	-	-	1.14%	10.87%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	4	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.47%	-
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD CONDEMNED

Slaughterhouse

Bovines

6	Livers	Abscesses
16	Livers	Distomatosis
2	Heads & Tongues	Actinobacillosis
220-lbs.	Beef	Bruising

Sheep

3	Carcases	Emaciation
1	Liver	Parasites

Pigs

1	Pluck & Pleura	Pneumonia
4	Heads & Tongues	Tuberculosis
27	Livers	Parasites
1	Liver	Ascariasis
10	Livers	Milk Spot
1	Liver	Cirrhosis
38 prs.	Lungs	Pneumonia
2 prs.	Lungs	Pleurisy
4	Plucks	Pleurisy
6	Hearts	Pericarditis
1	Carcase	Pyæmia

FOOD CONDEMNED

Food Shops

6-lbs. 13-ozs.	Frozen chicken	Bruising	
33-lbs. 12-ozs.	Pineapple	Decomposing	
6-lbs. 8-ozs.	Pears	Decomposing	
12-lbs. 10-ozs.	Breakfast cereals	Contaminated	
3 x 18 biscuit pkts.	Shredded Wheat	Contaminated	
1 x 24 biscuit pkt.	Weetabix	Contaminated	
2 packets	Variety cereals	Contaminated	
5-lbs.	Flour	Contaminated	
79 packets	Peas	Decomposition)	
14	Quarter chickens	")
2	Whole chickens	")
19 packets	Pastry	"	) Due to
6 packets	Chips	")
5	Pies	")
30	Sausage rolls	"	) failure
15 packets	Brussel sprouts	")
3 packets	Spinach	")
20 packets	Beans	"	) of
11 packets	Mixed Vegetables	")
6 packets	Fish Cakes	")
11 packets	Hamburgers	"	) cabinet
14 packets	Steakettes	")
4 packets	Cornish Pasties	")
8 packets	Fish fingers	")
54 packets	Fish	")

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

2,548 inspections were carried out to all classes of premises under the provisions of the above Act.

Of 1,035 premises found to be infested the owners of 61 premises carried out disinfection themselves and the Rodent Officer operated for the destruction of rats and mice at the remainder.

Wasp nests

A total of 65 wasp nests were destroyed during the year.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

There were 95 installations licenced to store petroleum spirit during the year and the premises licenced to store carbide of calcium numbered 17.

91 inspections were made during the year.

PREScribed PARTICULARSON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health
Inspectors)

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.....	6	5	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.....	66	68	0	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises).....	10	18	0	0
TOTALS	82	91	0	0

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.).....	1	1	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient.....	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1	1	0	0	0

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work (1)	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prose- cutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing) Making Apparel) etc.) cleaning) and) washing	75	0	0	0	0	0

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling
Officers within the STROOD RURAL DISTRICT during
the year ended 31st December, 1966.

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Milk.....	32	2
Butter, Margarine, lard, cooking fats, cheese (including processed cheese)....	4	-
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes.....	5	3
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals.....	6	2
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials.....	4	-
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies.....	4	-
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables.....	10	1
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments...	3	-
Drugs, medicines.....	10	-
Ice-cream.....	1	-
Beer, wines, spirits.....	8	1
Miscellaneous.....	7	2

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

Cooked Bacon

Small areas of discoloration in the lean meat caused by presence of iron. Persons concerned advised that this was not harmful.

Azure Blue Culinary Colour

Contained a non-permitted dye. Old stock. Withdrawn.

Sausage Rolls

Mould growths on meat filling. Retailers prosecuted. Fine £25. Costs 13/6d. Advocate's Fee £7. 7s. Od.

Skinless Pork Sausages

Mould growth on sausages. Retailers prosecuted. Fine £5. Advocate's Fee £5. 5s. Od.

Cheese Cake

Contained a lepidopterous larvae which had not been cooked in the cake. Manufacturers contacted.

Milk

Contained a length of plastic insulated copper wire. Manufacturers cautioned.

Frozen Peas

Contained a pupal case of a lepidoptera. Complainant informed.

Chocolate Sandwich

Extensively permeated by mould growths. Retailer prosecuted. Conditional discharge on payment of 6/- costs and £5. 5s. Od. Advocate's Fee.

Milk

Interior of bottle soiled by mould growths. Manufacturers contacted.

Apricot Wine

Incorrectly labelled. Unable to trace source of supply.

Corned Beef

Internal corrosion of can. Manufacturers contacted.

PERSONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN THE
AREA OF STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

(Details supplied by courtesy of the
County Medical Officer, Kent County
Council and Secretary of the Medway
and Gravesend Hospital Management
Committee)

PROVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(Responsibility of Kent County Council under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946)

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The County Council is responsible for the provision of a comprehensive ambulance service throughout the County. Other than in cases of accident and emergency, no ambulance will be provided, except at the request of a doctor, hospital, or a midwife, and for the provision of sitting-case transport the request must be made by a medical practitioner.

In cases of accident or emergency the telephone call is passed without delay to the appropriate ambulance station which in this area is at Star Mill Lane, Chatham.

Ambulance Stations in the area:-

	<u>Telephone No:-</u>
Star Mill Lane, Chatham.	Medway 52201/2
Coldharbour Road, Northfleet.	Gravesend 5257/8

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

In the case of every child born it is the duty of the father of the child, if at the time of the birth he is actually residing on the premises where the birth takes place, and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after, the birth, to send notice of the birth within thirty-six hours, to the County Medical Officer of Health, County Hall, Maidstone. Postcards with prepaid postage envelopes for this purpose are supplied to medical practitioners, midwives, hospitals and maternity homes, upon application to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS

Advice and ante-natal care is given at these clinics.
Post-natal examinations are carried out at ante-natal clinics.

Clinics for Strood Rural District:

Strood	-	K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood.	Thursday 10a.m. - 12 noon Midwives session Monday & Friday 2 - 4p.m. Relaxation & Mothercraft Wednesday 5.30 - 8p.m. Thursday 2 - 4p.m.
Gravesend	-	Child Welfare Centre, 90(c), Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	1st Thursday 2 - 4p.m. Relaxation & Mothercraft Wednesday 2 - 4p.m.
Gravesend	-	Gordon Mission Hall, Gravesend.	Relaxation & Mothercraft Monday 7.30 - 9p.m. Midwives session 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Friday afternoons 2 - 4p.m.

TUBERCULOSIS, SCHOOL CLINICS, DENTAL CLINICS, SPECIAL CLINICS

1. Tuberculosis

13, New Road,
Rochester

Telephone No:

Medway 42182

- Monday - Friday
9a.m. - 5p.m.

Saturday
9a.m. - 12noon

Gravesend & North Kent
Hospital

Telephone No:

Gravesend 67812

- Wednesday - General clinic
Thursday morning refill clinic
Saturday morning
9a.m. - 11a.m.
(children only)

2. School clinics

- Elm House,
15, New Road Avenue, Chatham - 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday
afternoons
- K.C.C. Clinic,
Gun Lane, Strood - Every Wednesday afternoon
4 - 5p.m.
- 90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend - Wednesday & Friday 9 - 10a.m.

3. Dental (children attend by appointment except in emergencies)

- Elm House,
15, New Road Avenue, Chatham - Monday to Friday
- Gun Lane, Strood - Monday to Friday
- 90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend - Monday to Friday

The mobile dental clinic visits schools in the area as
circumstances permit.

4. Specialist (children attend by appointment)

Child Guidance

- 118, Maidstone Road, Chatham - Telephone No: Medway 42098

Ophthalmic

- 118, Maidstone Road, Chatham - Every Monday morning
Every Friday morning

- Gravesend Hospital, Gravesend - Tuesday mornings
Thursday afternoons

- 90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend - Thursday mornings

Speech defects

- 118, Maidstone Road, Chatham - by appointment

- 90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend - Monday to Friday
(mornings only)

- Marlborough Road, Gillingham - Monday, Tuesday morning,
Thursday and Friday

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

These centres are open between 2 and 4p.m. on the days given, except where otherwise indicated, for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of infants and children under the age of five years. Certain infant foods, national dried milk and vitamin products may be obtained at these centres. A Medical Officer and a Health Visitor are in attendance at each centre.

Child Welfare Centres for Strood Rural District -

Cliffe	- Co-operative Hall,	1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays
Cobham	- The Meadow Room, The Street,	2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Cuxton	- Social Club & Working- Mens Inst. Bush Road,	2nd and 4th Tuesdays 10a.m. - 12noon and 2 - 4p.m.
Frindsbury Extra	- Memorial Hall, Holly Road, Wainscott,	Thursdays
Halling	- Church Hall, Vicarage Road,	1st and 3rd Fridays
Harvel, Meopham	- Village Hall,	2nd and 4th Wednesdays
Higham	- Village Memorial Hall, School Lane,	2nd and 4th Fridays
High Halstow	- Recreation Hall,	2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Hoo	- Village Hall,	Wednesdays 2 - 4p.m. Thursdays 10a.m. - 12noon
Isle of Grain	- New Village Hall,	1st and 3rd Fridays
Meopham	- Village Hall,	Thursdays
Shorne	- Village Hall,	2nd and 4th Thursdays
Stoke	- British Legion Hall,	2nd and 4th Fridays
Strood	- Gun Lane,	Tuesdays and Wednesdays 2 - 4p.m. Fridays 10a.m. - 12noon

DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOODS

The following main distribution centre is adjacent to the Strood Rural District:-

District Office

Gun Lane, Strood

Welfare foods are also issued from Child Welfare Centres referred to on previous page.

PRINCIPAL WELFARE OFFICERS

These officers are responsible for:-

1. Duties as Mental Welfare Officers under the Mental Health Act, 1959.
2. Acting as representatives of the County Health Department in dealing with enquiries made by the Public and arranging for the County Health Services to be made available in cases of difficulty.
3. Distribution of welfare foods.
4. Carrying out the duties of the County Council under the National Assistance Act in:-
 - (a) dealing with applications for admission of old, handicapped and homeless persons for residential establishments other than in cases of sickness;
 - (b) the care of moveable property of patients who are admitted to hospital or residential establishment provided by the Council where it appears that there is danger of loss or damage to the property.
 - (c) welfare of handicapped persons;

Principal Welfare Officers and Welfare Officers

Rochester	-	Office:-	Gun Lane, Strood	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 77542
		Hours:-	8.45a.m.- 1p.m. 2.15p.m.- 5.30p.m.	(Monday to Friday)

Principal Welfare Officers and Welfare Officers - continued

Rochester	-	Principal	Mr. E. Farrell,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
		Welfare	97, Castlemaine Avenue,	
		Officer:-	Gillingham.	Medway 52809
		Welfare	Mr. A.B. Bottle,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
		Officer:-	2, MacDonald Road,	
			Gillingham.	Medway 53180
		Welfare	Mrs. K.M.B. Carter,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
		Officer:-	"Lucan View",	
			Whitepost Lane,	Fairseat 639
			Culverstone, Meopham.	
		Welfare	Mr. R.G.R. Carter,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
		Officer:-	41, Allington Drive,	
			Strood.	Medway 79366
		Welfare	Mr. F. Dutton,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
		Officer:-	Top Flat, 18, City Way,	
			Rochester.	Medway 45724
Gravesend	-	Office:-	Divisional County Office,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
			Windmill Street,	
			Gravesend.	Gravesend 64701
		Principal	Mr. B.J. Fleming,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
		Welfare	187, Old Road East,	
		Officer:-	Gravesend.	Gravesend 66668
		Welfare	Mr. P.S. Coast,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
		Officer:-	11, Coldharbour Road,	
			Northfleet.	Gravesend 4877
		Welfare	Mr. N.R.S. Moore,	
		Officer:-		
		Welfare	Miss F. Ruddle,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
		Officer:-	27, Wingfield Road,	
			Gravesend.	Gravesend 67837

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

All enquiries regarding this service should be addressed to the Principal Welfare Officer (see previous page).

Training Centre

A training centre for mentally subnormal persons is established at:-

Darnley Road, Strood. Telephone No: Medway 78153.

Hours of opening:- Ordinary school terms, Monday to Friday,
10a.m. - 3.30p.m.

All enquiries regarding the Training Centre should be addressed to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE

This free service of the County Council provides midwives to attend women in their own homes.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of midwives are given below:-

Cliffe	) Mrs. T.M. Morris,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cooling	) 19, Higham Road,	
	) Cliffe.	Cliffe 223

Frindsbury Extra)	Miss I.E. Mullett,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Wainscott only)	39, Gill Avenue,	
Chattenden)	Wainscott, Frindsbury.	Medway 78556

Higham	) Mrs. S. Peoples,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Frindsbury Extra)	8, Chilton Drive,	
less Upnor and)	Higham.	Shorne 2309
Wainscott)	

Cuxton	) Mrs. E. Brownson,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Halling	) 11, Harold Road,	
	) Cuxton.	Medway 78194

Frindsbury Extra)	Miss E.K. Wright,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Part	) 22, Powlett Road,	
	) Strood.	Medway 77557

Domiciliary Midwifery Service - continued

Allhallows)	
High Halstow)	
Isle of Grain	)	Appointment vacant
St. Mary Hoo)	
Stoke)	

Hoo	)	Miss M.C. Day,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
less Chattenden	)	113, Main Road,	
	)	Hoo.	Hoo 266

Cobham	)	Miss E.M. Hudson,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Luddesdown	)	"Daveyhulme",	
Shorne	)	8, Crown Green, Shorne.	Shorne 2385

	)	Mrs. Jordan,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
	)	"Elmcroft",	
Meopham	)	Meopham Green,	Meopham 2329
	)	Meopham.	

Group relief for Hoo, Stoke and Wainscott:-

Mrs. T.M. Morris,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
19, Higham Road,	
Cliffe.	Cliffe 223

HOME NURSING SERVICE

This service, which is also free, is provided by the attendance of nurses on persons who require nursing in their own homes. Apart from cases of emergency and accident, patients can only be attended when the nurse has been requested to do so by a doctor.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of district nurses are given below:-

Cliffe	)	Mrs. T.M. Morris,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cooling	)	19, Higham Road,	
Frindsbury Extra	)	Cliffe.	Cliffe 223
Wainscott only)		

Higham	)	Mrs. S. Peoples,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Frindsbury Extra	)	8, Chilton Drive,	
less Upnor and	)	Higham.	Shorne 2309
Wainscott)		

Home Nursing Service - continued

Frindsbury Extra	)	Mrs. S.M. Workman,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Upnor only	)	100, City Way,	
	)	Rochester.	Medway 41377

Cuxton	)	Mrs. M.G. Skinner,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Halling	)	1, Montgomery Cottages,	
	)	Upper Halling, Halling.	Snodland 461

Allhallows)		
High Halstow)		
Isle of Grain	)	Appointment now vacant	
St. Mary Hoo)		
Stoke)		

Hoo	)	Miss M.C. Day,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
less Chattenden	)	113, Main Road,	
	)	Hoo.	Hoo 266

Cobham	)	Miss E.M. Hudson,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Luddesdown	)	"Daveyhulme",	
Shorne	)	8, Crown Green, Shorne.	Shorne 2385

	)	Mrs. Jordan,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Meopham	)	"Elmcroft",	
	)	Meopham Green, Meopham.	Meopham 2329

Group relief for Hoo and Stoke:-

Mrs. T.M. Morris,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
19, Higham Road,	
Cliffe.	Cliffe 223

Group relief for Cuxton and Halling:-

Mrs. E.E. Collins,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
199, Frindsbury Hill,	
Frindsbury, Strood.	Medway 79336

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

Domestic help service may be provided in households where it is needed owing to the presence of a person who is ill, lying-in an expectant mother, mentally subnormal, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age, but only where there is no able-bodied person in the household capable of carrying out the necessary household duties.

Domestic Help Service - continued

Applications for help should be made to the Domestic Help Organiser, 13, Gun Lane, Strood (Miss D. Dansie, Telephone No. Medway 77604) with the exception of residents in the Parishes of Cobham, Higham, Luddesdown, Meopham and Shorne who should apply to Miss J. Cook, County Offices, Windmill Street, Gravesend, (Telephone No. Gravesend 64701).

NIGHT AND EVENING SERVICE

Evening service is provided for elderly people who are bedridden or housebound and have no-one to assist them to prepare for the night and includes the provision of a light meal or hot drink and attention to fires. Night service is provided, for no longer than three weeks, unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the care of seriously ill people who are living in their own homes and need attention during the night. In some cases the service is provided for one to three nights a week to give relief to relatives.

FAMILY CARE SERVICE

After consultation with the Children's Department, this service is provided for the short-term care of children in their own home during the absence of the mother by reason of admission to hospital for illness or confinement or in other special circumstances. Help is given only to families where care of at least two children is involved and the period of service is limited to three months.

FAMILY WELFARE SERVICE

This service is provided, with the parents' consent, in households where the habits, behaviour and standards of living of the family are much below those generally accepted in the society in which they live. The three main objectives of the service are to raise the standard of living of the families, to improve the welfare of the children, and to keep the families together and prevent their break-up. Intensive training for a period of three months is given and this is succeeded by a follow-up service for nine months. In families where there is medical evidence of mental subnormality the continuance of the service after the initial period of three months may be approved for not more than twelve hours a week until the youngest child reaches compulsory school age.

HEALTH VISITORS

These officers are appointed for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, persons suffering from illness and expectant and nursing mothers, and as to the measures necessary to prevent the spread of certain infectious diseases.

The Health Visitors also undertake duties in connection with the School Health Service.

Health Visitors for Strood Rural District

Cobham	)	Mrs. J.A. Gatford,	
Higham	)	11, Nine Acres Road,	
Luddesdown	)	Cuxton.	
Allhallows	)	Mrs. P.C.D. Brenton	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cliffe	)	"The Moorings",	
Cooling	)	Dillywood Lane,	Medway 77586
High Halstow	)	Higham.	
Isle of Grain)		
St. Mary Hoo)		
Stoke)		
Cuxton	)	Miss G. Thornton,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Frindsbury Extra	)	1, Moat House,	
Halling	)	Castle Hill, Rochester.	Medway 41841
	)	Miss M.C. Craddock,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
	)	K.C.C. Clinic,	
Meopham	)	Whitehill Kings Farm Est.	Gravesend 4795
	)	Gravesend.	
	)	Miss C. James,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Shorne	)	107, Rochester Road,	
	)	Gravesend.	Gravesend 5966
Chattenden	)	Miss J. Bryant,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Hoo	)	K.C.C. Clinic,	
	)	Gun Lane, Strood.	Medway 79296

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND POLIOMYELITIS AND
IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS

All medical practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme which gives free vaccination against poliomyelitis and smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping-cough and tetanus. These services are also available at child welfare centres during the normal child welfare sessions.

Vaccines for protection against smallpox, poliomyelitis, diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis and diphtheria/tetanus are supplied by the Health and Welfare Department, County Hall, Maidstone (Maidstone 54321 Ext. 497).

NURSING REQUISITES

Arrangements have been made with the British Red Cross Society for the continuance of the Medical Loan Depots on behalf of the County Council. Various types of nursing requisites will be available and details of addresses and times when the depots are open for distribution are shown below. Requests for the loan of nursing requisites should be made to the Principal Welfare Officer.

Medical Loan Depots

Rochester	-	British Red Cross Society, 67, High Street, Rochester, Daily from 10.30a.m. - 12 noon 2.30p.m. - 5p.m. (Except Wednesday and Saturday)	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 42997
Gravesend	-	British Red Cross Society, Headquarters, Town Hall, Gravesend. Monday to Friday 3p.m.- 4.30p.m. or by appointment	

Bed and bedding can be supplied to patients on the recommendation of a doctor. The recommendation should be sent to the Principal Welfare Officer (see page 43) who will make the necessary arrangements for their provision.

CHIROPODY

Chiropody for the Physically handicapped, old people and expectant mothers as follows:-

Welfare Centre, Wayfield Road, Chatham	-	by appointment (Wednesday only)
K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane Strood	-	by appointment (daily)
Elm House, 15, New Road Avenue, Chatham	-	by appointment (Tuesday and Wednesday)
Welfare Centre, Malling Road, Snodland	-	by appointment (Monday and Thursday)

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Local Offices:-	Chatham Local Office, Crown House, The Brook, Chatham.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 44455
	Gravesend Local Office, "Ravenscourt", Pelham Road, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 64811
	5, Castle Hill, Rochester.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 42237

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospitals providing services normally available to medical practitioners for residents within the Strood Rural District are as follows:-

All Saints Hospital, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham.
(Telephone No. Medway 41212-5)

Medical, Surgical, Maternity, Gynaecology, E.N.T., Paediatric,
Infectious Diseases, Geriatric and Mental.

Hospital Services - continued

All Saints Hospital - continued

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following specialities:-

Dermatology, Physical Medicine, Orthopaedic and Consultant Dentistry, Psychiatry.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, New Road, Rochester.

(Telephone No. Medway 41511-4)

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic and Paediatric.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following specialities:-

Dermatology, Neurology, Physical Medicine, Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, Radiotherapy, Consultant Dentistry and Psychiatry.

St. William's Hospital, St. William's Way, Rochester.

(Telephone No. Medway 43243)

Post operative and Radiotherapy.

Keycol Hill Hospital, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne.

(Telephone No. Newington 222)

Infectious diseases.

Gravesend & North Kent Hospital, Gravesend.

(Telephone No. Gravesend 67812)

Medical, Surgical, Maternity, Gynaecology, Paediatric, Orthopaedic.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following specialities:-

Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Dentistry, Psychiatry, E.N.T.

Hospital Services - continued

River Hospital, Joyce Green, Dartford.
(Telephone No. Dartford 23231)

Infectious Diseases.

Milton Regis Hospital, North Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne.
(Telephone No. Sittingbourne 3168)

Geriatric (longer-stay units)

St. James Hospital, Trafalgar Road, Gravesend, Kent.
(Telephone No. Gravesend 2139)

Geriatric (longer-stay units)

VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS

36, New Road, Rochester.	Mondays	1.30p.m. - 4.30p.m.
Telephone No: Medway 43343	Thursdays	10a.m. - 1p.m.
22, Cobham Street, Gravesend.	<u>Men</u>	11a.m. - 1p.m. Tuesdays 9a.m. - 10a.m. Saturdays
Telephone No: Gravesend 3061	<u>Women</u>	1p.m. - 2p.m. Tuesdays 9a.m. - 10a.m. Saturdays

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<u>New Cases</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Syphilis.....	2	1	3
Gonorrhoea.....	7	12	19
Non-Venereal.....	34	17	51

